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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC to Award Funds for Mini Grants

AIKEN, S.C. (Feb. 9, 2009)--Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), LLC is now accepting applications from educators for the 2009 Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program. The goal of the program is to recognize and celebrate innovative teaching methods by awarding funds to enhance science, mathematics and technology programs in the classroom.

Elementary and middle public school educators in the seven-county Central Savannah River Area (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Edgefield counties in South Carolina, and Columbia and Richmond counties in Georgia) are eligible to receive grants in increments of \$500, \$750 or \$1,000.

"We are committed to supporting our education partners by sponsoring programs that facilitate the delivery of math, science and technology curricula and increase educational opportunities for students in the CSRA," said Chuck Munns, SRNS President and CEO. "This has been a popular and effective program for many years, and we're very happy to continue the tradition."

Winners, as well as everyone who submitted proposals, will be honored at a ceremony in April.

Applications were mailed directly to the eligible schools earlier this month. Interested teachers may obtain applications from their school principal or SRNS Program Coordinator Angela P. Martin, (803) 952-9120. Applications are also available on the SRS web site:

http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/ed_home.htm

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Grant proposal applications must be received at SRS by March 6. Applications cannot be hand-delivered by non-SRS employees.

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